What is claimed is:

1. A method of identifying an agent capable of modulating a Calcium Independent Receptor of Latrotoxin 3–Like (CIRL3-L) protein activity or expression, comprising

    (a) contacting a test agent with a CIRL3-L protein; and

    (b) determining the ability of the test agent to modulate CIRL3-L activity or expression.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the agent is an inhibitor of CIRL3-L activity or expression.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein the agent is an inhibitor of CIRL3-L expression.

4. The method of claim 3, wherein the agent is a CIRL3-L antisense molecule.

5. The method of claim 3, wherein the agent is a siRNA molecule capable of interfering with the expression of the gene encoding CIRL3-L.

6. The method of claim 2, wherein the agent is an inhibitor of CIRL3-L activity.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein the agent is a blocking antibody.

8. The method of claim 2, wherein the agent is an activator of CIRL3-L activity or expression.

9. The method of claim 8, wherein the agent is an activator of CIRL3-L expression.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein the agent is an activating antibody.

11. An *in vivo* method for identifying an agent capable of modulating a Calcium Independent Receptor of Latrotoxin 3–Like (CIRL3-L) protein, comprising:

(a) administering a test agent to an animal expressing a CIRL3-L protein; and

(b) determining the ability of the test agent to modulate CIRL3-L.

12. The method of claim 11, wherein the ability of the test agent to modulate CIRL3-L is determined by measuring behavior of psychiatric disorders.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein the psychiatric disorders are measured by a test selected from the group consisting of elevated plus maze, open field testing, light-dark exploration tests, tests of social interation, sensory tests, sensory gating tests, quantification of animal freezing, defecations, rears and early grooming.

14. A non-human animal comprising an altered or deleted Calcium Independent Receptor of Latrotoxin 3–Like (CIRL3-L) gene .

15. The non-human animal of claim 16, characterized by exhibiting anxiety-related disorders, obsessive, perseverative, or compulsive behavior or related disorders.

16. The non-human animal of claim 14, characterized by exhibiting pervasive developmental disorders.

17. The non-human animal of claim 14, selected from the group consisting of a mouse, a rat, a rabbit, a guinea pig, a hamster, a cat, a dog, and a sheep.